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1. Location: The mining machinery factory "Kkh-Zavod Kombinata Shakhta) in Prokonievsk ( 53 - 50 N., 86 - 49 E. ), popularly called Rudo-Remonte, is situated in the southeastern part of the city of Prokonievsk. The compound is approximately 350 x 200 meters, with the northern corner available for expansion. The road to Stalinsk and the Prokonievsk railroad running parallel to the compound serve as transportation routes. The Prokonievsk railroad station is about four kilometers from the compound.
2. Installations: This factory is a new installation developed after 1945. Only a forge, a small machine shop, and an old boiler forge were in the compound prior to that time. All the new buildings were built exclusively with German and Japanese PW labor.
3. The technical equipment was rated below average by some of source's fellow prisoners. Although the machinery is generally new (new German, English, and American workbenches and old Russian and German workbenches), it is badly neglected. Conveyor belts are not used, and the cranes in the boiler forge and machine shop (IIB) are frequently out of order, requiring days for repair. To finish one production piece it is necessary to take it to four or six different shops spread over the entire compound. Material lies everywhere and hinders production progress.
4. Electric power is obtained from an outside source. Raw materials, iron and steel, come from the nearby Stalinsk factory. It usually arrives in the form of section iron and steel.
5. The factory has two separate railroad spurs connected to a switchyard north of the compound. Special locomotives are not necessary for switching service.

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6. Production: This plant produces mining equipment and machinery such as winches, electrically operated conveyors, pumps, drill equipment, steel drills, parts for steel drills, ball bearings and rings, gears of all sizes, and any iron construction pieces needed for mining. At one time the factory produced 600 winches for rope in three months.
7. Management: The factory is directed by a Russian whose low party number reportedly qualifies him for the job. The production chief is a Jew, an unusually efficient person with experience in every phase of the production. He was well liked by the PW's. Mine, accident, and production commissions appear at the factory frequently. Commission members usually wore the mine uniform, black with blue facing and gold piping, stars and stripes.
8. Personnel: The workers number about 300 per shift with production operating in two and three shifts. When the new building and the ball bearing section are finished, the personnel figure will be considerably higher.
9. Security measures: The compound is surrounded by a combination of picket fence and stone wall and is guarded by a special factory guard.

Encl: 1 key to sketch map of Prokonievsk machine factory  
for production of mining equipment  
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## EQUIPMENT

1. Foundry, 25 x 80 meters, built in 1945.
2. Transformer installation.
3. Administration building.
4. Workshop building, approximately 30 x 100 meters, two-story stone building completed in 1949. This building will probably be used later for assembly, storage and shipping.
5. Covered loading ramp.
6. Machine shop II, completed in 1946, houses about 50 meters of working machines in an area 25 x 80 meters.
7. Boiler house used for heating purposes, built since 1945.
8. Office.
9. Equipment and tool making section is with the boiler for use in building about 50 x 100 meters, built 1947/48.
10. Boiler Forge. This building has three modern but neglected benches for forwarding heavy production pieces. Built in 1947/48.
11. Machine shop IIa, with about 30 lathes (Spanabhebende Maschinen), built 1947/48.
12. Tempering shop equipped with three tempering furnaces, built 1947/48.
13. Assembly shop, building about 50 meters long.
14. Main old boiler forge, oldest building in compound. There are plans to rebuild this installation.
15. Forge. This section is in the east wing (12x35 meters) of a U-shaped building. The front of the building is approximately 20 meters long. Three heavy pneumatic hammers are housed in the forge.
16. Machine shop I, in the west wing of the U-shaped building (12 x 35 meters) with about 30 workbenches.
17. Ball bearing section, still under construction. This should be finished in 1950 and the factory able to produce ball bearings and rings for mine equipment.
18. Railroad switchyard.
19. Railroad spurs, built in 1948/49.
20. Main entrance.
21. Main road with houses, storage depots, and administrative buildings.

-----X----- Thick fence and stone wall

-----X----- Main road

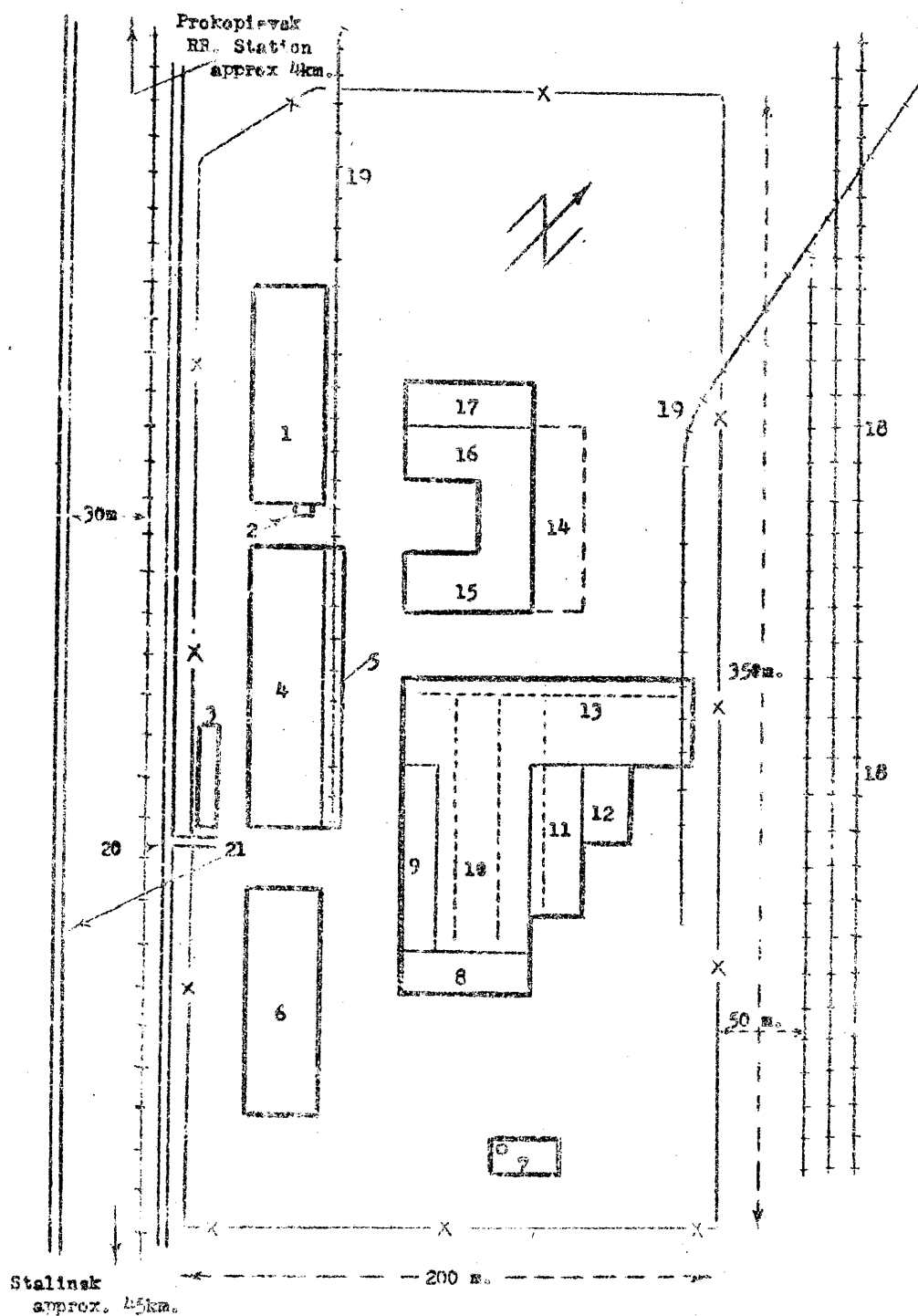
-----X----- Railroad tracks

-----X----- River

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ATTACHMENT II

SKETCH MAP OF PROKOPIEVSK MACHINE FACTORY FOR PRODUCTION OF MINING EQUIPMENT



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